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# THE RED CROSS



IN CHARGE OF

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ALL Red Cross nurses will be interested in the mobilization of 20,000 United States troops on the Mexican frontier, and over 2000 marines in the Gulf of Mexico, for never before in the history of the country has such a large body of soldiers been brought together in time of peace.

While there is no reason to think that conditions will arise making a call for nurses necessary, still one cannot help looking back with a spirit of thankfulness over the work of organization which has been accomplished during the past year. Should a sudden need for nurses arise, there stand ready to co-operate with the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, 141 nurses on 24 state Red Cross committees, and 233 more on local committees. These committees, with nearly 1300 enrolled nurses, are a guarantee to the nation that neither the stress of calamity nor the turmoil of war will ever again find us wholly unprepared.

This work of organizing the nursing service of the Red Cross was entrusted to the Associated Alumnae in the full belief that the high standards of this organization would ensure the selection of the best available nursing service, either for relief work or as a reserve for the army.

The National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service has in contemplation a plan for providing instructive lectures to be given by medical officers of the army to assemblages of nurses in different parts of the country. Two of these have already been given by Colonel L. M. Maus, chief surgeon of the Department of the Lakes; one in Illinois, the other in Wisconsin, at the meeting of their respective state associations. Of the Wisconsin meeting we have the following account from Mrs. Frederick Tice, a member of the national committee, who was present:

“Wisconsin had a perfectly fine state meeting, and a full house. Colonel Maus came in his uniform, as a special compliment to the nurses, and gave a very good address on the *war* side of the subject. He spoke of the type of nurse needed for duty in time of war, and emphasized

the importance of her absolute integrity and dignity of character. He laid stress upon army discipline, which nurses must make up their minds to regard, and discouraged any nurse from enrolling who is not absolutely well and strong. He described a battle-field with its various hospitals, and showed just where the work of the nurses would begin."

It is hoped that arrangements may soon be made for similar lectures in other sections of the country.

For the information of nurses who are considering enrollment, the following summary of qualifications has been prepared: *Training*: At least two years' course given in an acceptable hospital. *Registration*: Graduates of schools not meeting the requirements of state boards of registration will not be considered eligible for enrollment. In states where registration is a law it is most desirable that applicants be registered nurses. *Endorsements*: Applicants must have the official endorsement of the training school from which they graduated, or of some nursing organization which is a member of, or affiliated with, the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States. *Citizenship*: Nurses enrolling need not be native-born citizens, but if called upon for service in time of war, they would be required to take the oath of allegiance, as required by army regulations. *Age limit*: Nurses under twenty-five years of age will not be enrolled. *Physical examination*: Nurses will not be required to take a physical examination before enrollment, but may be required to do so before being assigned to active duty.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—*Fees*: No fee is required for nurses enrolling. *Uniform and badge*: When called upon for active service, nurses will be required to wear the prescribed uniform. At time of enrollment each nurse will receive a numbered Red Cross badge, record of which is kept in Washington, D. C. This badge remains at all times the property of the Red Cross and its use is protected by law. When in uniform, it should be worn on the left side of the collar. *Assignment to duty*: Except in the event of war, nurses will not be required to respond to a call for service when such a response would seriously interfere with duties already assumed. *Compensation*: Nurses called on for active service under the Red Cross will receive the pay provided by law for the Army Nurse Corps, \$50 a month in the United States and \$60 elsewhere, with proper maintenance, travelling expenses, and laundry allowance. *Red Cross Bulletin*: This magazine, published quarterly by the American Red Cross, will be sent free of charge to all enrolled nurses who request it. *Application blanks*: Blank forms for application will be furnished upon request by the secretary of the nearest local committee.

The following is a list of local committees already appointed, with their respective chairmen:

*California:* Oakland, Mrs. C. A. L. Brown, 806 Thirteenth St.; Los Angeles and Pasadena, Alma E. Wrigley, 104 South Los Robles Ave., Pasadena; San Diego, Mrs. C. R. Johnson, 2030 Second St.; San Francisco, Mrs. A. A. O'Neill, 4502 California St.; Santa Barbara, Marie H. Montelius, 1615 De LaVine St.

*District of Columbia:* Washington, Anna J. Greenless, R.N., 1723 G St.

*Georgia:* Atlanta, J. M. Candlish, R.N., Elkin-Goldsmith Sanitarium; Augusta, Mary A. Moran, R.N., Augusta City Hospital.

*Illinois:* Bloomington, Emma Bluhm, 105 N. Clinton St.; Champaign, Frances North, Julia F. Burnham Hospital; Chicago, E. V. Robinson, 509 Honore St.; Danville, Maud Northwood, R.N., Lakeview Hospital; Dixon, Ada M. Decker, R.N., Dixon Public Hospital; Elgin, C. Irene Oberg, R.N., Sherman Hospital; Peoria, Miss Brean, Proctor Hospital; Quincy, Emma F. Ryniker, Woodland Home, 2707 Main St.; Rockford, Mrs. McWhorter, City Hospital; Springfield, Katharine Mathews, R.N., 530 South Second St.

*Indiana:* Indianapolis, Elizabeth Johnson, R.N., 21 The Millikan; Richmond, Emma E. Kemper, R.N., 404 South Fourth St.

*Iowa:* Des Moines, Estella Campbell, R.N., 1003 Fleming Building; First District of Iowa, Esther Maxwell, Washington, Iowa; Grinnell, Annie J. Sanders; Iowa City, Anna C. Goodale, R.N., Homœopathic Hospital; Maquoketa, Anna J. Wendel, Maquoketa; Seventh District of Iowa, Rose Konop, 1710 Twelfth St., Des Moines; Sioux City, Helen Peterson, R.N., 1116 Court St.; Waterloo, Mrs. Ida C. Neff.

*Louisiana:* New Orleans, Emma L. Wall, 3513 Prytania St.

*Maryland:* Baltimore, Mary C. Packard, Robert Garrett Hospital.

*Massachusetts:* Boston, Dr. Laura A. C. Hughes, Boston City Hospital; Pittsfield, Anna G. Clement, House of Mercy Hospital.

*Michigan:* Detroit, Mrs. L. E. Gretter, R.N., 924 Brush St.

*Minnesota:* Minneapolis, Edith P. Rommel, R.N., 1503 Third Avenue.

*Missouri:* St. Louis, Louise C. Dierson, 5429 Von Verson Ave.; St. Joseph, Sallie Bryant, R.N., 2708 Monterey St.

*Nebraska:* Omaha, N. L. Dorsey, R.N., 2305 South Thirty-second St.

*New Jersey:* Jersey City, Helen Demarest, 28 Madison Avenue.

*North Carolina:* Winston-Salem, Constance E. Pfohl.

*New York:* Brooklyn, Elizabeth Dewey, R.N., 66 Montagu St.; Buffalo, Margaret Bruce, 18 Ashland Avenue; Manhattan and Bronx,

Mrs. E. G. H. Schenck, 114 E. Seventy-first St., New York City; Rochester, Katharine DeWitt, R.N., 247 Brunswick St.

*Oregon*: Portland, Jennie V. Doyle, 675 Glisan St.

*Ohio*: Cincinnati, Mary H. Greenwood, Jewish Hospital, Avondale; Cleveland, M. L. Johnson, 501 St. Clair Ave.; Dayton, Florence A. Bishop, Miami Valley Hospital; Toledo, Katherine Mapes, Toledo Hospital, 1711 Cherry St.; Tri-County Committee, Mary E. Gladwin, 268 E. Voris St., Akron.

*Pennsylvania*: Philadelphia, Margaret Dunlop, Pennsylvania Hospital, Susan C. Francis, Jewish Hospital.

*Tennessee*: Memphis, Mrs. Lena A. Warner, 112 North Belvedere Boulevard; Nashville, M. G. Nisbet, 1016 McGavock St.

*Utah*: Salt Lake City, Charlotte E. Dancey, Latter-Day Saints Hospital Training School.

*Virginia*: Richmond, Florence Black, 201 E. Gary St.

*West Virginia*: Charleston, Mrs. George Lounsbury, R.N., 1119 Lee Street.

*Wisconsin*: Milwaukee, Stella S. Mathews, 113 Farwell Ave.

If address of nearest local committee is not known, it may be procured by writing to Jane A. Delano, R.N., chairman National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, Room 345½, War Department, Washington, D. C.

#### ITEMS

THE March meeting of the Buffalo Committee of the Red Cross Nursing Service was held at the apartment of Isabelle Shaw, 1411 Main St. All the members were present. Four new members were received for nursing service and two annual members for the American Red Cross. The secretary read the article on "The Endowment Fund" from the January *Bulletin* and urged each member of the committee to try to get as many subscriptions as possible. The minutes of the February meeting were read and it was decided to have the next meeting at Miss Lindsay's home.

THE Rochester, N. Y., Branch has now twenty Red Cross nurses enrolled, nine having been added since the reorganization of the nursing service committees. Meetings are held monthly one-half hour before the regular Monroe County meetings.